

ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 12, 2004

PRESENT: Chairman Gunnells, V. C. Brown, Councilmen Forrester, Thomas, Norris, Calhoun, Director Burns, Clerk to Council, Carol Chrisley

ABSENT: Councilman Walker

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

A. Adopt an Ordinance to amend Ordinance 94-3 as amended, creating the Abbeville County Research, Planning and Development Board as an extension of the Abbeville County Governmental Entity; Providing for their two employees to become County Employees and to be eligible for the same benefits as other County Employees; providing for the number, method of selection and terms of office; prescribing the duties and responsibilities of the Board. Gary Tilley wanted it tabled and wanted a workshop with council.

B. Adopt an Ordinance to amend the FY 03-04 Budget for Abbeville County by incorporating a prior year revenue and the expenditure thereof. There were no comments.

C. Adopt an Ordinance to amend the Abbeville County Zoning Ordinance as to sections 501.4 of the FA, Forest Agriculture District. Jimmy Irwin commended the Planning Commission and County Council.

D. Adopt an Ordinance to amend the Official Zoning Map for Abbeville County, South Carolina on a 1.82 Acre Tract of land on Highway 28 By pass as shown on the portion Tax Map 108-00-00-049 from Forest Agriculture to General Commercial. No comments. The public hearings came to a close

1. Chairman Gunnells called the meeting to order with prayer that was given by V. C. Brown

**11. Appointment of New Officers:**

Councilman Claude Thomas was elected by acclamation as Chairman for calendar year 2004. Councilman Scott Brown was also elected by acclamation for a second year as Vice Chairman for calendar year 2004.

III. Meeting times and dates for calendar year 2004. Councilman <sup>Brown</sup>Gunnells made a motion that was seconded by Councilman Forrester that meetings be held on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7:30pm and that we do not go on the road for any of the meetings. Motion passed unanimously.

**IV.** Approval of minutes of regular meeting of December 8, 2003. Vice Chairman Brown made a motion to approve minutes that were seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

**V. Public Comment:**

A number of people spoke during this period including Dr. D'Amore who urged County Council to schedule a meeting with the hospital's medical staff. George Arduengo expressed similar views as well as others.

**V1. Presentations:**

**V11. Committee Presentations:**

a. There were no committee presentations

**V111. Old Business:**

A. Consideration of 3rd Reading of an Ordinance to amend the FY03-04 Budget for Abbeville County by incorporating a prior year revenue and the expenditure thereof. Councilman Gunnells made a motion to approve 3rd Reading that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

B. Consideration of 2nd Reading of an Ordinance to amend Ordinance 94-3 as amended, creating the Abbeville County Research, Planning and Development Board as an extension of the Abbeville County Governmental Entity; providing for their two employees to become county employees and to be eligible for the same benefits as other County Employees providing for the number, method, of selection and terms of office; prescribing the duties and responsibilities of the board. After further discussion, Councilman Norris made a motion to table 2nd Reading in order to discuss the matter further. Motion was seconded by Councilman Gunnells and passed unanimously.

C. Consideration of 2nd Reading of an ordinance to amend the Abbeville County Zoning Map so as to change the zoning on a 1.82 acre tract on Hwy. 28 By Pass from Forest Agriculture to General Commercial. Councilman Norris made a motion to have 2nd Reading that was seconded by Councilman Gunnells and passed unanimously.

D. Consideration of 2nd Reading of an Ordinance to amend the Abbeville County Zoning Ordinance as to amend sections 501.2 and 501.4 of the Forest Agriculture District. Councilman Brown made a motion to have 2nd Reading that was seconded by Councilman Gunnells and passed unanimously.

**1X. New Business:**

A. Approval of a Resolution authorizing the County Director to enter into a Contract Change Order with Clary Hood, Inc. regarding the construction of the new Access Road to the construction and demolition. (C & D) Landfill for Abbeville County at a cost not to exceed \$1,500. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve the resolution that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

B. Approval of a Resolution authorizing the County Director to enter into a contract modification with Greenbrier Inc. regarding the multi-Purpose/Ag. Building Contract Between Abbeville County and Greenbrier, Inc. to construct a new 120Ft. X 160ft. Metal Building to include all materials, labor, insurance and taxes. The change order is not to

exceed \$1,937.00. V. C. Brown made a motion to approve the Resolution that was seconded by Councilman Gunnells and passed unanimously.

**C.** Consideration of a Resolution Establishing and Creating A Capitalization Policy for Abbeville County. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve the Resolution that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

**D.** Consideration of 1st Reading of an Ordinance to change the name of Old Abbeville Highway and Old Fairground Road to Cambridge Street Extension. Councilman Norris made a motion that this be 1st Reading. Motion was seconded by Councilman Gunnells and passed unanimously.

**E.** Consideration of a Resolution from Emerald Center to apply for a FTA grant to the South Carolina Dept. of Mass Transit for assistance in purchasing a 15-passenger bus to transport individuals with specific needs and appointments. Councilman Gunnells made a motion to approve the Resolution that was seconded by Councilman Norris and passed unanimously.

**F.** A Resolution supporting the establishment and utilization of a Risk Management Program for the County of Abbeville. Vice Chairman Scott made a motion to approve the establishment of a Risk Management Program. Motion was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

**G.** A Resolution to help defray the costs associated with the funerals of two deputies killed in the line of duty. Council Gunnells made a motion to approve the resolution that was seconded by Councilman Norris and passed unanimously.

**H.** Consider appointment of Ms. Alma Aiken to the BZA. Chairman Thomas made a motion to approve the appointment of Ms. Aiken to the BZA that was seconded by Councilman Norris and passed unanimously.

**I.** Consideration of appointment of Sloan Brock to the Accommodations Tax Committee. Councilman Norris made a motion to this effect that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

## **X. Director's Report**

### **X1. Executive Session**

Vice Chairman Brown made a motion to go into executive session. Motion was seconded by Councilman Gunnells and passed unanimously.

Chairman Thomas reconvened the meeting.

Vice Chairman Brown made a motion to suspend normal purchasing procedures and award a bid in the amount of \$9,175.00 to Semaphone. The motion was seconded by Ray Gunnells. The motion carried 6-0-0. Meeting adjourned.